



NEW JERSEY STATE SOCIETY

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Thank You for helping to make the beginning of 2008 so successful! NJSS has hosted several fun and exciting events already and we have many more planned for the remainder of the year. In these last few months we have continued to host community events from sports games to a political watch party and we are excited to further our commitment to engage the Society in cultural events highlighting the best New Jersey has to offer. And I'm equally glad to report that corporate, organizational, family and individual memberships are remaining strong.

All of us at NJSS are deeply committed to keeping the momentum going throughout 2008 – our 68th year. Take a look inside this newsletter for a current list of events we have planned for the rest of 2008 and keep a look out for upcoming announcements about the 2009 NJSS Inaugural Ball.

We are currently in the

process of planning a wine-tasting event featuring New Jersey winegrowers for later this fall. Also, don't forget to join us at the NJSS booth at the 8th Annual National Book Festival on September 27th on the National Mall.

I encourage you to contact me, NJSS staff or any of the NJSS Board Members for more information about these or other events we have coming up. And always feel free to send us suggestions about events that you would like to see NJSS host. After all, it's your state society!

If you are new to the Capitol area, I encourage you to join NJSS and start taking advantage of all the opportunities and events we have to offer.

A very special thanks to our corporate and organizational members whose support makes it possible to provide enriching events and programs for our members.

Finally, we are always looking for volunteers to

help with events and other activities.

If you or anyone you know would like to lend a hand to NJSS, please give us a call or send us an email.

Thanks for supporting NJSS and I look forward to seeing you in the year ahead.

Donise Cameron,
President, NJSS

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NJSS sponsors 2008 New Jersey Cherry Blossom Princess Anita Singh

This year's National Cherry Blossom Festival marked the 96th celebration of the 1912 gift of 3,000 cherry blossom trees from the city of Tokyo, Japan to Washington, DC.

People from around the city and from across the world gathered to celebrate as the cherry blossoms were in bloom April 6-12. Many events were held throughout the five days including the Grand Ball on April 11th where the Cherry Blossom Queen was selected.

Cherry Blossom Queens are chosen not for their talents, beauty, and abilities to answer questions. They are chosen by fate. The Wheel of Fortune has been spun for the last 60 years determining the destiny of Queens from all over the world.

Beginning in 1948, Cherry Blossom Queens have met with former



From Left: Brittany Stabile, Michael Hurlbut, (Staffer Escort for Ms. Singh representing the NJ Congressional Delegation), Anita Singh, (2008 NJ Cherry Blossom Princess), Donise Cameron, (NJSS President), and Mandy Tharpe (NJSS Member).

United States Presidents and foreign officials.

Queens also are an integral part of the Cherry Blossom Parade that features giant balloons, floats, and bands. Celebrities such as Miss America and Sesame Street characters join in on the festivities.

The New Jersey State Society is

proud to have sponsored Anita Singh who acted as a great leader representing the Garden State.

We look forward to next year's celebration!



About Cherry Blossom Princess Anita Singh

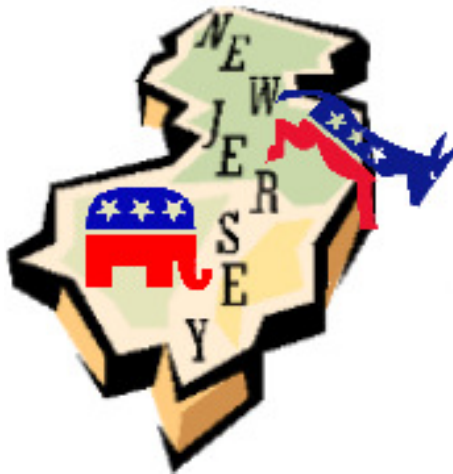
Anita is a 2005 graduate of Wayne Hills High School in New Jersey and attends The George Washington University (GW). She is currently in her third year where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and International Affairs as

well as minors in Spanish Language & Literature and Psychology. Anita has been on the Dean's List and has received many awards for her academic achievements. As a member of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity, Anita has been involved with Pi Beta Phi's

philanthropy of literacy. As a Neighbors Project Secondary Education service coordinator at GW, she is a liaison between her peers and local area high schools establishing tutoring and mentoring programs.

Super Tuesday Presidential Primary Watch Party

On February 5th NJSS members met at Penn Quarter Sports Restaurant to watch the New Jersey State primary results unfold as part of Super Tuesday. Members were delighted to watch their candidates progress on four news stations on several giant plasma screen TVs.



The excitement of the close race in both the Republican and Democratic Parties kept all eyes glued to the screens. With plenty of delicious appetizers and cocktails, NJSS members had a wonderful evening witnessing American political history.

We look forward to seeing you at our **Inaugural Gala** on January 20th.

Save the Date: January 20th, 2009
NJSS Inaugural Ball

The Phoenix Park Hotel Ballroom

Featuring the *B-Street Band* the #1 Bruce Springsteen Tribute Band

Get Out and VOTE

NJSS would like to remind you to vote this coming November.

It is easy and quick to register online at

www.register-vote.com

The site has the national mail voter registration form as well as links to other bipartisan sites that have online voter registration information.

Learn more about the candidates by visiting their personal websites!

Thank you!

Mets vs Nationals Game

Over 30 NJSS members ventured to Washington Nationals Park April 24th to watch the Mets play the Nationals. NJSS members witnessed a heartbreaking loss to the Washington Nationals. The Mets fell to the Nationals 10-5.



NJSS Members and Mets enthusiasts enjoying the game.

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Upcoming Events

September 27

**8th Annual National Book Festival
National Mall New Jersey Booth**

September 28

**Prostate Awareness and Cancer Education (PACE) Race
Alexandria, VA**

November 25

**Annual Holiday Reception at the Phoenix Park Hotel
Details to come**

January 20

**NJSS Presidential Inaugural Gala
Begins 5:30 p.m. at Phoenix Park Hotel
Featuring the *B-Street Band***

Want to be listed in the 2008 NJSS Online Directory?

The NJSS Directory lists all our Members, Sponsors and other important information about the Society. The directory is now going to be available online. Please make sure to call our office or visit the website to sign up as a Member or update your current information.



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The New Jersey State Society sponsors or co-sponsors 10 to 12 events a year including New Jersey Day at the National Cathedral every four years, and various networking and sporting events. The Society also co-sponsors the New Jersey booth at the National Book Fest and helps to raise funds for charitable organizations.

Join us at the NJSS Booth at
the 8th Annual National Book
Festival 2008

On the National Mall
September 27th



Call, write or email us today about becoming a member!

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Visit our Website!

NJSS has updated its website! Take a moment to visit and see what the State Society has to offer at www.njss.org
Sign up to become a member or a sponsor today! And be sure to check back frequently for information on upcoming events and society news!

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NJSS moves into 21st Century technology

The New Jersey State Society is quickly getting ready to launch our new and improved website that will have an updated directory and easier navigability.

Also as a part of our jump into the 21st Century, the NJSS has joined the fast growing social networking website Facebook.

The utilization of Facebook will greatly expand our membership networking capabilities and extend membership to New Jersey students in the greater Washington DC area.

We are very excited to finally be taking full advantage of the cyber world.

Any event suggestions? Want to get more involved?
Contact NJSS at jersey@njstatesociety.org or 202.333.5750